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LETTER DATED 20 NOVEMBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a copy of the note verbale with its attachment dated 30 September 1998 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., to the Embassy of Pakistan (see annex) to be forwarded to the Department of State of the United States of America, on the violation of the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf region.

It would be highly appreciated if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hadi Nejad HOSSEINIAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Note verbale dated 30 September 1998 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan and has the honour to transmit the attached message in two copies, the original text, and an unofficial translation (see enclosure), received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text be transmitted to the United States Department of State and that our office be informed of their response.

Enclosure

According to information received from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 23 June 1998, at 1030 hours, a United States F-14 aircraft, which was flying near and around the United States warship John C. Steines (CNN 74), at the position of N 2835 and E 5015, intercepted an Iranian P3F aircraft and, in a vertical air intercept manoeuvre, soared sharply upward in the path of the oncoming Iranian aeroplane.

Considering the fact that the dangerous activities of the United States aircraft are contrary to flight regulations, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly protests such illegal actions by the Government of the United States of America and calls for an end to these actions.